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Applicant(s): DANIEL C. MARKEL ET AL.  
Serial No.: 10/708,220  
Filing Date: February 17, 2004  
Title: HIGH-PRESSURE EXPLOSIVE RETENTION DEVICE

1. Amendment Transmittal (in duplicate); and
2. Reply to Office Action Mailed October 12, 2006.

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Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/708,220	02-17-2004	Gabriel J. Klein	35204	3641	2219

Invention: High-Pressure Explosive Retention Device

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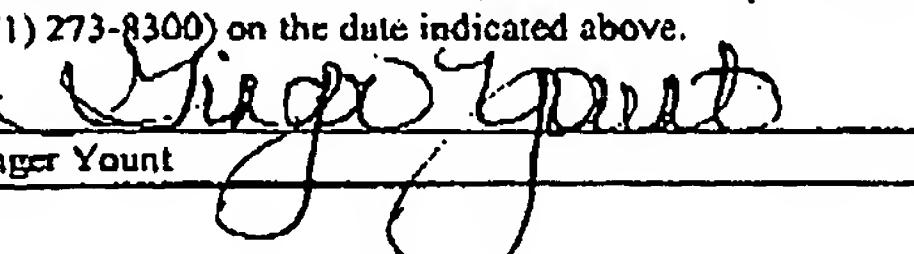
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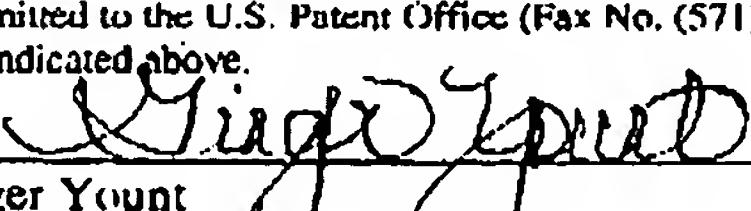
**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 12, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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